CBI cases against Gazetted Officers

2457. SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the CBI has registered cases against 1,115 Gazetted Officers under the Prevention of Corruption Act and imposed fines amounting to Rs. 1.85 crores last year;

(b) if so, whether this shows that high corruption is prevailing amongst the Government officials in the country; and

(c) if so, the steps Government propose to take to check corruptions in the Government offices?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) and (b) During 2001, the CBI has registered cases against 1,115 Gazetted Officers. This includes the cases registered under the Prevention of Corruption Act and the Indian Penal Code etc. During last year fines totalling Rs. 1.85 crores were imposed.

(c) Several steps have been taken to check corruption in the Government Offices, such as formulation of anti-corruption policy, its monitoring and effective implementation. To ensure greater transparency and for eliminating corruption, Information and Facilitation Counters (IFCs) have been set up in various Ministries / Departments to provide information regarding procedures and schemes of concerned organizations. The Secretary of the concerned Department, assisted by Chief Vigilance Officer (CVO), has also been made responsible for ensuring probity and integrity in that Department.

Pension plan for new Government employees

2458. SHRI HARENDRA SINGH MALIK: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that new Pension Plan for new Government employees may spill beyond the deadline already declared by Government;

(b) if so, whether Government have find out the causes involving miscalculation of new pension plan;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) how Government would manage the pension of new employees appointed on or after 1st October, 2001?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) to (c) The Government had set up a High Level Expert Group on Pensions as a sequel to the Finance Minister's announcement in the Union Budget for 2001-2002. The Expert Group submitted its Report in February, 2002. the Group has recommended a Hybrid Scheme with contribution from both the employer and employee. The proposed Contributory Pension Scheme for new entrants is a major departure from the existing pension scheme. Its feasibility is being examined in detail before introducing the new pension system.

(d) The employees would continue to be covered under earlier system till the date as may be notified for introducting the new scheme.

Changes in Civil Services Examinations

2459. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state;

(a) whether an examination reforms Committee headed by Prof. Y.K. Alagh has suggested extensive changes in the Civil Services Examination system in the country;

(b) if so, the deails of the recommendations;

(c) whether these changes have been considered and made applicable for the future examinations;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) what provisions have been made to ensure a candidate with broad overview can get into the Civil Services rather than the candidate with more bookish knowledge?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) to (e) An Eight Member Expert Committee was constituted by the Union Public Service Commission under the chairmanship of